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To: Public Service Commission

From: Division of Public Utilities
Chris Parker, Director
Bill Duncan, Telecommunications / Water Manager
Casey J. Coleman, Utility Technical Consultant

Date: March 16, 2018

Re: In the Matter of Birch Communications LLC f/k/a Birch Communications, Inc. Initial Local and Access Tariffs and Notice of Change in Company Name, per Docket No. 18-2600-T01.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Notification

The Division recommends that the Commission approve Birch Communications LLC f/k/a Birch Communications, Inc. ("Birch") initial Local and Access Tariffs.

BACKGROUND:

On March 12, 2018, Birch filed the initial Local and Access Tariffs with the Commission. The tariff was filed as a follow up to the Commission's approval of the merger and Intra-Corporate Reorganization approved by the Commission in Docket 17-2600-02. With the reorganization, this was the first tariff filed by Birch to offer service to customers in the state of Utah.

The Division has reviewed the tariff and recommends the Commission approve the initial tariff. Birch has requested the filing be effective on March 12, 2018. Although, Birch filed the information as a tariff, the Division believes the Commission will want to approve the document as a price list for a Competitive Local Exchange Carrier.

cc: Justin Jetter, Assistant Attorney General
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